



STATE OF MICHIGAN

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January 27, 2012

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Michigan Supreme Court
P.O. Box 30052
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RE: ADM file 2010-25
ADM file 2010-26
ADM file 2010-22
ADM file 2006-04
ADM file 2010-31
ADM file 2010-32
ADM file 2010-33

Dear Clerk Davis:

At the January 24, 2012 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Board, Rules Committee, and Family Law Committee considered the above-referenced proposed amendments.

MJA considered **ADM file 2010-25**, proposed amendment of Rule 7.210 of the Michigan Court Rules. MJA does not support adoption of the rule as written. We understand the need for the exhibits to be produced for appellate review but we do not feel the burden should be placed on the Court to maintain these records.

We would recommend that the Court Rules be amended to require a statement on the record from the Court confirming which exhibits are being returned to which party and that the parties will maintain the exhibits through the appeal period and will produce them when requested by the Court or appellate counsel.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2010-26** a proposed amendment of Rule 7.210 and Rule 7.212 of the Michigan Court Rules. We voted to not take a position on the proposed amendments but do question, in 7.210(B)(2)(a), what the time period will be if no other transcripts are filed.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2010-22** a proposed amendment of Rule 7.3 of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. We support the adoption of the proposed amendment as written.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2006-07** a proposed amendment of Rule 3.204 of the Michigan Court Rules. We support the adoption of the proposed amendment as written.

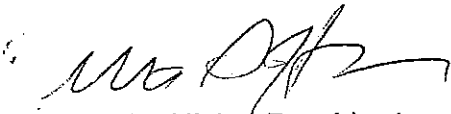
MJA also considered **ADM file 2010-31** a proposed amendment of Rule 5 of the Rules for the Board of Law Examiners. We support the adoption of the proposed amendment as written.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2010-32** a proposed amendment of Rule 3.210 of the Michigan Court Rules. We support the adoption of the proposed amendment as written.

MJA also considered **ADM file 2010-33** a proposed amendment of Rule 3.220 of the Michigan Court Rules. We support the adoption of the proposed amendment as written.

We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Hon. Timothy Hicks, President
Michigan Judges Association

c: Hon. Robert Young, Chief Justice Michigan Supreme Court
Hon. Paul Stutesman, Rules Committee Chairperson, Michigan Judges Association
Hon. Joan E. Young, Family Law Committee Chairperson, Michigan Judges Association
Hon. Lita Popke, President-Elect, Michigan Judges Association
Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court